



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: October 22, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **The Interchange – Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority for Public Infrastructure Improvements**

Recommendation:

Authorize proper City officials to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement (C-36644) with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority for public infrastructure improvements for the Interchange Project related to bituminous pavement resurfacing, street lighting and traffic signal installation. Both the City and County propose to cooperatively participate in the cost of these improvements in accordance with the following:

- The City shall reimburse Hennepin County for bituminous pavement resurfacing in the amount of \$49,850 to be paid from existing City funds within the annual high-volume resurfacing program (04100-9010937-CPV061).
- Hennepin County shall reimburse the City for Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Installation (04100-9010943-TR99R). Increase appropriation and revenue source 322500 in 04100-9010943 CTR99R by \$202,800.

Previous Directives:

- January 29, 2013 - Authorized the proper City Officials to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority for Public Infrastructure Improvements for the Interchange.
- August 5, 2011 - Accept the invitation from the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority to become a formal cooperating agency on the Interchange.

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____

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Presenters in Committee: Paul Miller

Financial Impact

- See background section for funding details.

Community Impact

- City Goals: The City's infrastructure will be well-maintained; people will feel safe in the City.

Supporting Information

The design phases of the project have been completed and construction at the Interchange is underway with final completion scheduled for spring 2014.

Original Agreement

In January 2013, City Council authorized the proper City Officials to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement with the HCRRA for Public Infrastructure Improvements for the Interchange. The public infrastructure improvements included as part of the original agreement were generally related to the realignment of the intersection of 6th Ave. with 5th St. N., and included storm drain construction, final roadway pavement resurfacing, and traffic signal and street lighting installation. This agreement provided that the HCRRA reimburse the City for the installation of traffic signal and street lighting infrastructure in the amount of \$351,500.

Proposed Amendment

At the time of execution of the original cooperative agreement with the HCRRA, design work for the entrance to the HERC facility on 6th Ave. N. and the 5th St. N./5th Ave. N. Interchange site entrance was not yet complete, consequently costs related to traffic signal and lighting installation at these locations were not included in the original agreement. Design work for traffic signals and street lighting at these locations has now been completed. It is intended that City forces will review and approve final designs and perform the installation of the lighting and signal infrastructure. The HCRRA will reimburse the City for all costs related to this work totaling an estimated amount of \$202,800 (04100-9010943-TR99R).

The County intends to complete roadway construction on 6th Ave. N. from the HERC entrance to the intersection of 5th St. N.. Final bituminous pavement resurfacing for this section of roadway was originally intended to be completed in spring of 2014 by City forces; however in order to open this section to traffic before winter and avoid further inconvenience to local businesses it has been determined to complete the pavement resurfacing of this section of roadway this fall with Hennepin County forces. The City will reimburse the HCRRA for all costs related to this work totaling an estimated amount of \$49,850 to be paid from existing City funds within the annual high volume resurfacing program (04100-9010937-CPV061).

Public Works recommends that the proper City officers be authorized to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Funding Agreement (C-36644) with the HCRRA.